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SUBJ: SOMALI PROTEST OVER KENYA-ETHIOPIAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. IN A NOTE RECEIVED ON APRIL 12 THE GSDR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTED THAT WE TRANSMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE TEXT OF A NOTE VERBALE HANDED BY THE MFA TO THE KENYAN AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 9. SUBSTANTIVE TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE:

ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF KENYA MADE A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO ETHIOPIA, IN WHICH HE INDULGED IN AN UNBRIDLED ATTACK ON THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. IN THE KENYA/ETHIOPIA JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED UPON THE CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT, HE TOOK A POSITION ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT, REFLECTING A DEEP FEELING OF ANIMOSITY AND HATRED AGAINST SOMALIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, VIEWS THIS UNFORTUNATE AND HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE STAND OF THE KENYAN MINISTER WITH SERIOUS CONCERN.

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THE CAMPAIGN OF HOSTILITY WHICH HE HAS RELENTLESSLY UNDERTAKEN DURING AND AFTER HIS VISIT CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS AN ACT OF PROVOCATION, DELIBERATELY AIMED AT CREATING A SITUATION OF TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. HIS APPARENT EAGERNESS TO EMBRACE AND REPEAT CHEAP ETHIOPIAN PROPAGANDA SLOGANS CAN ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE

FURTHER DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
THIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION OF THE KENYA GOVERNMENT WITH THE

ADDIS ABABA REGIME IMPLIES THE FORMER'S TOLERANCE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ETHIOPIA AND SUPPORT FOR THAT REGIME'S
INHUMAN AND OPPRESSIVE POLICIES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS IN
THE PAST EXERCISED MAXIMUM RESTRAINT IN THE FACE OF MOUNTING
KENYAN PROVOCATION, IN THE INTEREST OF PROMOTING BETTER
UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS. IT
IS CLEAR FROM THEIR ACTIONS THAT THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT DOES
NOT DESIRE PEACE IN FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION AND
HAS CHOSEN INSTEAD TO FOLLOW THE DANGEROUS PATH OF
HOSTILITY AND CONFRONTATION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WHILE
REGISTERING ITS PROTEST IN THE STRONGEST TERMS TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF KENYA AGAINST SUCH SYSTEMATIC ACTS OF
PROVOCATION, WARNS THE LATTER OF THE SERIOUS CON-
SEQUENCES WHICH ARE BOUND TO RESULT FROM PURSUING SUCH
ILL-ADVISED POLICIES.

END QUOTE
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